

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ A microcircuit
card (100) ~~including~~ comprising:

means (RX) for receiving a command (200); ~~and~~

means for modifying at least one characteristic of the performance of said card on reception of said command, the modification means being characterized in that they can be used after a step (E10) of personalization of said card; ~~and~~

cryptographic means for authenticating the sender of said command.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit
card according to claim [[2]] 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~
~~the authenticating means comprise a secret~~ the cryptographic
means comprises an authentication key.

4. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit
card according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the
modification means are adapted to determine said at least one

performance characteristic as a function of a predetermined instruction (210) received in said command (200).

5. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit card according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said receiver means (RX) are adapted to receive said command (200) in accordance with an SMS protocol.

6. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit card according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said means for modification of at least one performance characteristic are adapted to modify the size of a usable area (110) of a physical memory (EEPROM) of said card.

7. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit card according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said modification of the size of a usable area (110) of a physical memory (EEPROM) is effected by creating, destroying at least one specific file (VOID_FILE) or by modifying the size of at least one specific file (VOID_FILE) comprised in said physical memory.

8. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit card according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said means for modification of at least one performance

characteristic are adapted to modify a clock frequency of said card, reversibly or not.

9. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit card according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said means for modification of at least one performance characteristic are adapted to allow or prevent the use of at least one software function (f) of said card, reversibly or not.

10. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit card according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said means for modification of at least one performance characteristic are adapted to allow or prevent the use of all or part of an electronic circuit (120) of said card, reversibly or not.

11. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit card according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said electronic circuit (120) is a cryptographic unit.

12. (currently amended) ~~Microcircuit~~ The microcircuit card according to claim 1, characterized in that it further comprises synchronization means (130) adapted to verify that said command (200) is unique.

13. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method of configuring a microcircuit card (100) ~~characterized in that it comprises the following successive steps~~ comprising the steps of:

[[~~-~~]] ~~personalization~~ personalizing (E10) ~~of~~ said card;

[[~~-~~]] ~~reception~~ receiving (E20) ~~of~~ a command (200);
and

[[~~-~~]] ~~modification~~ modifying (E40, E60, E70, E80) ~~of~~ at least one characteristic of the performance of the card on reception of said command (200).

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) ~~Method of configuring~~ The method according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that wherein,~~ during said ~~modification~~ modifying step (E40, E60, E70, E80), said at least one performance characteristic is determined as a function of a predetermined instruction (210) received in said command (200).

16. (currently amended) ~~Method of configuring~~ The method according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that wherein~~

said step (E20) of reception of a command (200) conforms to an SMS protocol.

17. (currently amended) ~~Method of configuring The~~ method according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that wherein,~~ during said modifying step (E40) ~~of modification of at least one performance characteristic,~~ the size of a usable area (110) of a physical memory (EEPROM) of said card is modified.

18. (currently amended) ~~Method of configuring The~~ method according to claim 17, ~~characterized in that wherein,~~ during said modification of the size of a usable area (110) of a physical memory (EEPROM), at least one specific file (VOID_FILE) included in said physical memory is created, or destroyed or the size of at least one specific file (VOID_FILE) included in said physical memory is modified.

19. (currently amended) ~~Method of configuring The~~ method according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that wherein,~~ during said modifying step (E60) ~~of modification of at least one performance characteristic,~~ a clock frequency of said card is modified, reversibly or not.

20. (currently amended) ~~Method of configuring The~~ method according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that wherein,~~

during said modifying step (E70) ~~of modification of at least one performance characteristic~~, the use of at least one software function (f) of said card is allowed or prevented, reversibly or not.

21. (currently amended) ~~Method of configuring~~ The method according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that wherein~~, during said modifying step (E80) ~~of modification of at least one performance characteristic~~, the use of all or part of an electronic circuit (120) of said card is allowed or prevented, reversibly or not.

22. (currently amended) ~~Method of configuring~~ The method according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said electronic component (120) is a cryptographic unit.

23. (currently amended) ~~Method of configuring~~ The method according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~, further comprising the step of:

before verifying (E35), prior to said modifying step (E40), ~~of modification of at least one performance characteristic, a step (E35) of verification~~ that said command (200) is unique.